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REMARKS

Claims 1-49 are canceled. Claims 50-64, 66-73, and 78-86 were previously presented. Claims 65, and 74-77 are currently amended. Accordingly, claims 50-86 are pending examination.

Rejection of Claim 50 Under 35 USC §103

Claim 50 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,468,689 (Hallaj).

Claim 50 recites "an implantable medical device housing that includes a housing wall of biocompatible material." There is no such teaching or suggestion anywhere in Hallaj. Further, there is no teaching in Hallaj that suggest that the device would be suitable for **medical implantation**. Implantable power sources are associated with many challenges that are not associated with external power sources. For instance, leakage of toxic materials from implanted medical devices can be fatal. However, Hallaj does not suggest that the disclosed power source is suitable for implantation. Since Hallaj does not teach or suggest every element of claim 50, claim 50 is patentable over Hallaj.

Rejection of Claim 65 Under 35 USC §103

Claim 65 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hallaj.

Claim 65 is amended to recite "a fibrous mat contacting the heat absorbing material." Since Hallaj does not teach or suggest a fibrous mat contacting the heat absorbing material, claim 65 is patentable over Hallaj.

Rejection of Claim 82 Under 35 USC §103

Claim 82 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hallaj.

Claim 82 recites "high heat capacity material in thermal contact with the battery case and spaced from the housing." Hallaj does not teach or suggest a high heat capacity material that is both "in thermal contact with (a) battery case" and "spaced from (a)

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housing.” Since Hallaj does not teach or suggest every element of claim 82, claim 82 is patentable over Hallaj.

Rejection of Claim 51-64, 66-81, and 83-86 Under 35 USC §103

Since claims 50, 65, and 82 are each believed to be in condition for allowance and claims 51-64, 66-81, and 83-86 each depends directly or indirectly from claim 50, 65, or 82, claims 51-64, 66-81, and 83-86 are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone or e-mail the undersigned with any questions.



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